

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1 to 13 have been cancelled and have been replaced with new claims 14 to 37. Claims 14 to 37 are pending.

All claims were amended so as to cancel the multi-dependencies, and to try to conform to US Practice. One particular point to be noticed is that claim 34 is based on the originally filed claim 10, but in which "preliminary" has been amended into "first" and wherein "or not" has been added after "independently". Such an amendment is based on the specification, namely the examples in which the order of the steps is not even given because it is implicit for the one skilled in the art that any order can take place.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of these claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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